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Amendments To The Claims

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The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. NOV 20 2006

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) An applicator for dispensing an anesthetic, the applicator and anesthetic comprising:
  - a generally cylindrical container having a reservoir for liquids or gels therein, the liquids or gels within the reservoir having a viscosity;
  - a dispensing orifice at one end of the container in fluid communication with the reservoir,
  - a plurality of bristles, the bristles having a first end that is within the dispensing orifice and a second end located outside of and away from the dispensing orifice, the bristles acting as a partial closure for the orifice and as an applicator for the anesthetic in the reservoir,
  - means for forcing fluid from the reservoir to the orifice, and
  - an anesthetic composition contained in the reservoir, said anesthetic composition being either a liquid or a gel;
  - wherein the viscosity of the liquid or gel in the reservoir prevents the liquid or gel from leaking from the applicator without the application of pressure to the reservoir.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Original) The applicator of claim 1, wherein the means for forcing fluid from the reservoir comprises a piston disposed at an end of the container opposite to the orifice, a piston rod connected to the piston and directed away from the reservoir, and a cylinder at an end of the container opposite to the bristles, which is rotatable to cause movement of the piston rod and piston towards the reservoir to force fluid therefrom.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously presented) The applicator of claim 1, further comprised of a cap, which covers the bristles.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously presented) The applicator of claim 1, wherein the means for forcing fluid from the reservoir to the orifice is comprised of a piston within the reservoir.
13. (Previously presented) The applicator of claim 1, wherein the means for forcing fluid from the reservoir to the orifice is comprised of a piston and threaded piston rod within the reservoir.
14. (Currently amended) An applicator for dispensing a liquid anesthetic into a mouth, the applicator comprising:
  - a generally cylindrical container having a reservoir;
  - a dispensing orifice at one end of the container in fluid

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communication with the reservoir,

a plurality of bristles, the bristles having a first end that is within the dispensing orifice and a second end located outside of and away from the dispensing orifice, the bristles acting as a partial closure for the orifice and acting as an applicator for anesthetic in the reservoir,

a piston within the reservoir, movement of the piston being capable of causing liquid in the reservoir to flow from the dispensing orifice;

[[a]] an anesthetic liquid within the reservoir, said anesthetic liquid having a viscosity;

wherein said liquid anesthetic is dispensed from the dispensing orifice and into the bristles by movement of the piston; and

wherein the viscosity of said anesthetic liquid prevents leakage of the anesthetic liquid without the application of pressure to the reservoir.

15. (Currently amended) An applicator for dispensing a gel into a mouth, the applicator comprising:

a generally cylindrical container having a reservoir;

a dispensing orifice at one end of the container in fluid communication with the reservoir,

a plurality of bristles, the bristles having a first end within the dispensing orifice and a second end located outside of and away from the dispensing orifice, the bristles acting as a partial closure for the orifice and transporting anesthetic to a point of application;

a piston within the reservoir, movement of the piston being capable

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of causing gel in the reservoir to flow from the dispensing orifice; and  
an anesthetic gel within the reservoir, the anesthetic gel having a viscosity;

wherein said anesthetic gel is dispensed from the dispensing orifice  
and into the bristles by movement of the piston, and wherein  
said anesthetic gel viscosity prevents leakage of the gel from the  
reservoir without the application of pressure to the reservoir.

16. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 1, wherein said anesthetic composition is comprised of benzocaine.
17. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 16, wherein said anesthetic composition further includes a sweetener.
18. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 17, wherein said sweetener is sucralose.
19. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 17 wherein said sweetener is sugar free.
20. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 1, wherein said anesthetic composition includes a sweetener.
21. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 20, wherein said sweetener is sucralose.
22. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 20, wherein said sweetener is sugar free.
23. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 14, wherein said liquid anesthetic is comprised of benzocaine.

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24. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 23, wherein said liquid anesthetic further includes a sweetener.
25. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 24, wherein said sweetener is sucralose.
26. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 24, wherein said sweetener is sugar free.
27. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 15, wherein said anesthetic gel is comprised of benzocaine.
28. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 27, wherein said anesthetic gel further includes a sweetener.
29. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 28, wherein said sweetener is sucralose.
30. (Withdrawn) The applicator of claim 28, wherein said sweetener is sugar free.